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**To:** Parties of the EQB Distribution List and Other Interested Parties

**From:** Becky Horton, Project Manager

## **Re: Willow River Dam Restoration Project, Pine County, Minnesota: Record of Decision on Environmental Assessment Worksheet**

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), as the Responsible Governmental Unit for environmental review of the Willow River Dam Restoration Project (Project) in Pine County, Minnesota, has issued the Record of Decision (ROD) regarding the Need for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Project. The Project's Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) notice was published in the *EQB Monitor* on May 4, 2020 (Vol. 44; No. 16).

A copy of the ROD is available online at the [DNR's Environmental Review webpage for this project](#).

The DNR has concluded that an EIS is not required because the project does not have the potential for significant environmental effects. The justification for this determination is contained in the ROD. The ROD contains the Department's response to all substantive written comments received on the EAW during the 30-day public review and comment period. Attachment A of the ROD contains a copy of all comment letters received on the EAW during the 30-day public review and comment period.

Issuing this ROD concludes the state environmental review process for this project according to the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board rules, Minnesota Rules, parts 4410.1000 to 4410.1700. This project may proceed to permitting and approvals.

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